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Introduction

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Seasonal adjustment

Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting Bureau statistics are given in Appendixes D and C, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the Bureau's monthly and quarterly publications.

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Related publications

More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics* (1304.0). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed in page 8.

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- r - figure or series revised since previous issue
- n.y.a. - not yet available.
- (where a line is drawn across a column between two consecutive figures) break in continuity of series

Where figures have been rounded discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) Lead (b) '000 tonnes		Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1977-78 - March	6,101	6,833	19,257	33.7	7,098	7,423	20,226	22,174	675	651	423	423	37.2	35.3	1204	200
April	6,596	6,398		28.8	6,866	7,315	20,903	22,514	573	617	421	412	33.0	34.4	1165	182
May	8,249	6,864		32.2	7,676	7,275	23,768	22,514	706	670	432	411	39.0	32.6	1189	189
June	6,116	5,529		36.1	8,070	7,355	26,323	22,761	694	731	408	403	34.8	32.6	1205	200
1978-79 - July	6,167	6,090	21,692	35.2	8,555	7,484	28,038	23,063	628	633	397	373	38.1	37.5	231	221
August	6,998	7,219		40.6	8,386	7,461	26,776	22,145	551	548	438	421	31.0	27.6	237	202
September	6,910	6,925		36.7	7,553	7,370	22,886	21,231	593	586	477	458	37.3	33.9	282	251
October	7,884	7,016		35.6	7,398	7,397	22,622	21,724	660	617	436	411	40.8	35.6	252	219
November	8,437	7,309	22,020	40.7	7,112	7,539	22,404	24,239	597	617	455	426	42.1	36.3	273	219
December	4,996	6,315		25.5	6,886	7,487	19,795	23,298	641	636	407	416	32.0	39.6	229	242
January	4,565	6,285		25.7	7,077	7,779	18,839	23,712	664	641	298	449	13.5	38.3	97	219
February	7,242	7,045		34.4	6,620	7,710	18,892	22,763	596	643	429	442	38.1	38.6	205	223
March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	17,427	17,640	20,822	21,000	638	606	478	462	41.3	37.8	1277	263
April	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	7,140	7,708	22,112	23,726	605	718	389	392	29.9	32.5	211	256

(a) Gross mine output. (b) Metallic contents of mine products. (c) Available for issue through mains: includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

PRODUCTION - continued

STOCKS (c)

Month	Cotton woven cloth (excl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (excl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price Index Manufacturing Division (a)		Whole milk production all purposes mil. litres		Brokers and Dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers (b)	Original	Seas. adj.
1977-78 - March	3,125	2,946	661	574	9,779	247	246	217.1	372	450	38,432	68.8	19,682	68.8	19,649	
April	2,847	3,219	602	628	9,181	219	227	218.8	278	444	29,749	69.1				
May	3,165	2,936	589	532	10,454	256	235	220.0	236	445	29,591	68.8				
June	3,546	3,102	587	672	11,790	233	221	221.6	224	457	20,873	62.2				
1978-79 - July	3,292	3,899	606	646	10,975	224	219	223.3	1309	1482	28,849	71.1	20,164	76.1	20,099	
August	3,762	3,388	710	649	11,353	240	230	224.3	1453	1478	72,992	76.1				
September	4,314	3,534	662	657	10,729	235	231	227.0	1607	1490	88,205	76.5				
October	3,898	3,581	1825	1754	12,205	259	243	229.7	1753	1483	107,519	78.0				
November	3,655	3,418	1831	1669	11,795	258	248	231.5	1724	1468	190,754	76.0	20,570	174.4	120,677	
December	2,777	3,111	1642	1747	11,882	208	239	233.6	1665	1463	151,317	174.4				
January	1,216	2,962	1345	1615	14,105	215	236	237.0	579	462	137,315	174.2				
February	3,111	2,910	1756	1680	11,490	229	244	241.5	1434	480	134,719	171.2				
March	4,359	3,979	743	644	12,248	243	232	244.7	375	457	42,407	71.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
April	2,766	3,298	545	621	10,184	199	218	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.				

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (c) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5630.0.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Total exports, value \$m		Total imports, value \$m		Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices (b)		Export price index		Balance on current account \$m	Net Apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (a) \$m	
							All groups 1959-60=100	All groups excl. wool				
					Exports	Imports						
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.
1977-78 - March	951	1,006	965	989	2,469	2,001	214	239	360	727	3,262	3,265
April	1,013	1,028	897	963			215	240	250	246	3,229	3,172
May	1,042	1,022	1,020	976			218	245	310	271	3,182	3,139
June	1,126	1,048	988	999			222	249	185	193	3,225	3,183
1978-79 - July	1,073	1,086	1,068	1,031	2,235	2,037	222	249	333	319	3,293	3,238
August	1,032	993	1,135	1,033			226	254	356	246	3,315	3,353
September	934	938	981	1,050			230	259	300	219	3,274	3,300
October	1,134	1,146	1,194	1,152			232	261	370	270	3,328	3,356
November	1,206	1,144	1,206	1,141	2,456	2,229	233	263	219	286	3,226	3,250
December	1,088	1,148	1,034	1,157			238	269	274	210	3,200	3,219
January	1,308	1,315	1,213	1,150			245	279	200	93	3,377	3,441
February	1,126	1,172	1,050	1,123			253	287	108	331	3,723	3,708
March	1,163	1,258	1,144	1,131	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	282	165	3,600	3,602
April	1,243	1,257	1,120	1,235					241	334	3,677	3,620

(a) From the end of June 1976 gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month. (b) Replaces estimates at average 1966-67 prices. See publication 5421.0.

INTERNAL TRADE

INTERNATIONAL TRADE													Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other business balances outstanding (e) \$m
Month	Retail Sales (a)								New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered (d) '000		Original
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (b) \$m		Food & drink (b) \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture (b) \$m		Other (b)(c) \$m		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.					
1977-78 - March	1,941	1,987	2,826	2,910	2,160	2,138	998	1,063	34.9	34.1	10.3	10.7	2,917
April	1,901	2,013							37.1	36.7	11.2	11.1	2,928
May	2,108	2,046							40.3	36.1	12.8	11.2	2,944
June	1,974	2,037							38.1	36.9	13.4	11.8	2,954
1978-79 - July	1,941	2,064	2,944	3,015	2,064	2,128	1,048	1,096	38.2	37.7	12.2	11.4	2,943
August	2,053	2,087							44.5	40.4	10.9	10.3	2,957
September	2,061	2,117							41.6	43.0	9.8	10.3	2,967
October	2,091	2,124							38.8	39.0	9.9	9.9	2,983
November	2,224	2,114	3,331	3,106	2,530	2,170	1,345	1,146	39.1	37.4	9.9	9.5	n.y.a.
December	2,891	2,184							33.2	38.6	8.6	9.4	n.y.a.
January	2,049	2,194							33.0	35.1	7.7	8.9	n.y.a.
February	1,953	2,212							35.4	38.8	9.4	10.7	n.y.a.
March	2,185	2,228	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	39.0	37.1	19.5	19.3	n.y.a.
April	2,076	2,206							36.1	37.0	8.7	9.8	n.y.a.

(a) Based on the 1977-78 census of retail establishments. (b) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (c) Other, excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (d) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (e) At end of month, amounts financed to new agreements made were: July \$m142, August \$m153, September \$m142, October \$m153.

WAGES, FACTORY OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Consumer price index, six capitals, 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted (a)															
Month	Average weekly earnings per employed male unit \$		Weekly wage rates index, adult males (c) 1954 = 100	Factory overtime (b) at larger private factories hours		All groups	Food (d)	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (e)	Recreation (f)	
	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.										Original
1977-78 - March	216.30	r215.50	r536.0	2.3	2.1	247.7	224.4	265.6	281.7	218.3	245.9	242.8	337.3	116.0	
April			r536.2	2.3	2.4		227.7								
May			r536.2	2.4	2.3		229.0								
June			r543.0	2.5	2.6		232.7								
1978-79 - July	218.90	r221.40	r543.0	2.5	2.6	252.5	234.9	269.0	285.2	221.1	251.2	245.3	350.2	117.6	
August			r543.1	2.4	2.5		236.0								
September			r546.6	2.7	2.7		238.8								
October			r546.7	2.8	2.7		242.6								
November	r228.20	r222.00	r546.7	3.1	2.9	258.2	244.0	274.8	290.5	224.2	259.7	287.5	281.9	119.5	
December			r568.1	3.0	3.0		r245.3								
January			r568.4	2.4	3.1		250.1								
February			r568.4	3.0	2.9		251.9								
March	222.70	231.00	568.6	3.1	2.9	262.6	251.9	276.6	294.3	227.8	265.8	286.5	285.4	121.7	
April			n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		259.6								

(a) The composition of the group structure of the index has been altered with the introduction, from December quarter 1976, of the ninth Consumer Price Index series. (b) Source: Department of Employment and Industrial Relations. Average hours worked in survey week. (c) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (d) Quarterly series may be derived by averaging the three monthly figures. However, in some cases quarterly index numbers so derived differ slightly from the quarterly figure as published in *Consumer Price Index* bulletins due to rounding. (e) Base December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (f) Base September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

BUILDING, ETC.

Month	Building approvals \$m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$m	Building commenced total \$m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Price indexes (a)		New capital expenditure by private enterprises			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Materials used in house building	Materials used in building other than house building	Buildings and structures \$m	Other capital equipment \$m	Original	Seas. adj.
1977-78 - March	500.2	535.3	10.1	10.2	110.7	1,661.5	1,573.5	30.5	29.7	255.1	252.9	517.1	r498.3	r1,548.1	r1,442.9
April	518.9	513.6	10.0	10.0	129.9					256.7	254.6				
May	562.3	482.9	11.1	9.7	113.7					257.6	255.7				
June	585.5	504.7	11.0	9.9	170.9					258.5	257.8				
1978-79 - July	468.6	451.8	9.4	9.3	81.3	1,672.9	1,623.1	29.1	27.6	259.0	258.5	523.3	r511.8	1,453.7	r1,471.0
August	573.1	589.9	10.4	9.9	120.1					260.2	259.4				
September	522.8	522.8	9.9	9.9	72.1					260.9	259.9				
October	582.5	545.4	11.1	10.6	105.7					262.0	260.9				
November	580.2	553.8	11.4	10.6	108.9	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	25.0	27.0	263.0	262.5	r660.5	r586.9	r1,665.8	r1,568.1
December	460.1	516.1	9.8	11.1	70.6					264.6	264.4				
January	439.1	531.8	8.1	10.3	104.4					266.9	268.3				
February	550.0	628.9	9.8	11.0	114.8					270.9	273.4				
March	582.4	575.8	11.9	11.1	108.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	273.7	275.0	466.9	572.6	1,395.7	1,595.5
April	507.2	527.3	10.2	11.0	81.9					277.2	277.3				

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. 1966-67 = 100.0.

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks Depositors' Balances (a) \$m		Major Trading Banks (b)				Finance companies balances outstanding (c) \$m	Housing finance for owner occupation - value of loans approved (d)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated per cent (f)	Listed companies new money raised \$m	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Banks \$m	Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (e) \$m	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	
															Deposits \$m
1977-78 - March	17,453	17,551	18,745	17,846	13,159	13,443	16,533	292	134	83	8.83	389.6	{	1,980	2,119
April	17,409	17,701	18,620	18,147	13,463	13,340	16,668	250	129	93	8.83			2,127	
May	17,651	17,931	17,890	18,061	13,757	13,573	17,037	307	150	95	8.82			3,672	1,982
June	18,046	18,081	17,593	18,296	13,626	13,485	17,066	253	140	83	8.83			2,321	2,007
1978-79 - July	18,222	18,262	17,636	18,431	13,685	13,533	17,296	256	149	80	8.83	1407.7	{	1,648	2,131
August	18,381	18,361	18,255	18,870	13,962	13,962	17,299	303	170	89	8.79			2,113	2,066
September	18,537	18,395	18,600	19,166	14,116	14,134	17,549	290	164	80	8.79			1,633	2,161
October	18,636	18,417	18,952	19,176	14,516	14,278	n.y.a.	300	177	93	8.69			1,658	1,958
November	18,677	18,543	19,232	19,189	14,488	14,426	n.y.a.	342	195	105	8.66	1500.4	{	2,396	2,241
December	18,870	18,747	19,601	19,335	14,683	14,680	n.y.a.	246	164	79	8.67			1,776	2,280
January	19,056	18,996	20,046	19,312	14,537	14,624	n.y.a.	334	172	80	8.72			2,115	2,274
February	19,278	19,161	20,461	19,645	14,479	14,889	n.y.a.	318	204	68	8.77			2,347	2,384
March	19,340	19,463	20,852	20,023	14,652	14,963	n.y.a.	316	216	97	9.00	149.5	{	2,227	2,383
April	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	20,644	20,084	15,130	15,041	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	9.61			n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication *Finance Companies* (5614.0). (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes Terminating Building Societies, Finance companies, Credit Unions, Insurance companies and Government Instrumentalities. (f) This series was previously based on rebate bonds which were issued prior to 1 November 1968. Income on these bonds was subject to income tax at current rates less a rebate of 10 cents in each dollar of Australian Government loan interest included in taxable income. The series is now based on non-rebate bonds.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

Quarter		Final consumption expenditure													
		Gross domestic product				Gross farm product				Gross non-farm product				Private	
		\$m		\$m		\$m		\$m		\$m		\$m		\$m	
		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES															
1977-78	September	22,042	22,097	923	1,042	21,119	21,055	12,851	12,967	3,531	3,563	3,149	3,145	1,754	1,898
	December	24,199	22,177	1,724	1,011	22,475	21,166	14,101	13,351	3,833	3,692	3,348	3,176	2,021	1,931
	March	21,781	23,009	905	1,018	20,876	21,991	13,044	13,691	3,615	3,861	2,924	3,244	1,783	2,067
	June	22,659	23,494	588	1,053	22,071	22,441	14,228	14,226	4,039	3,905	3,632	3,473	2,254	1,921
1978-79	September	24,007	24,450	995	1,432	23,012	23,018	14,476	14,592	4,078	4,112	3,502	3,512	1,817	1,967
	December	27,384	25,101	2,332	1,534	25,052	23,567	15,761	14,953	4,255	4,102	3,851	3,641	2,058	1,968
AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES															
1977-78	September	16,453	16,441	809	950	15,643	15,691	9,418	9,489	2,621	2,642	2,267	2,259	1,276	1,386
	December	18,113	16,327	1,782	950	16,331	15,377	10,111	9,599	2,779	2,705	2,371	2,267	1,446	1,388
	March	15,693	16,672	804	947	14,889	15,726	9,201	9,654	2,621	2,767	2,039	2,256	1,254	1,466
	June	15,794	16,651	387	934	15,407	15,717	9,850	9,833	2,881	2,789	2,486	2,370	1,572	1,324
1978-79	September	16,621	16,967	722	1,173	15,899	15,794	9,813	9,885	2,857	2,880	2,357	2,355	1,250	1,355
	December	19,160	17,219	2,130	1,186	17,030	16,033	10,389	9,882	2,954	2,873	2,544	2,425	1,395	1,336
AT CURRENT PRICES - continued															
Quarter		Imports of goods and services				Exports of goods and services				Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Wages, salaries and supplements	
		\$m		\$m		\$m		\$m		\$m		\$m		\$m	
		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original
1977-78	September	3,648	3,555	3,440	3,492	2,574	2,585	4,548	4,437	12,543	12,562	421	18,369	2,801	15,989
	December	3,371	3,459	3,644	3,490	3,014	2,574	5,636	4,541	13,184	12,663	1,172	19,494	2,934	17,731
	March	3,632	3,634	3,284	3,408	2,288	2,764	4,352	4,716	12,670	13,104	439	18,459	3,452	15,446
	June	3,821	3,812	3,589	3,559	2,715	2,691	4,064	4,044	13,170	13,280	111	19,994	5,200	14,904
1978-79	September	4,060	3,959	3,501	3,555	2,721	2,736	5,153	5,333	13,495	13,596	500	20,004	2,802	17,703
	December	4,247	4,367	3,936	3,769	3,375	2,875	6,970	5,713	14,194	13,626	1,748	21,448	3,007	20,189

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid or payable by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ('000)

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS ('000)

JOB VACANCIES ('000)

		LABOUR FORCE SURVEY (c)						Registered with CES (d)		Unemployment benefit recipients (e)		Survey estimates (f)		Registered with CES (d)			
		Males		Females		Persons		Labour Force Survey (c)		Registered with CES (d)		Unemployment benefit recipients (e)		Survey estimates (f)		Registered with CES (d)	
Month		Original	Seas. adj. (b)	Original	Seas. adj. (b)	Original	Seas. adj. (b)	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work	Total	(for full-time work)						
1977-78	March	4,087.6		2,320.5		6,408.1		345.7	74.6	420.3	410.0	280.2	36.3				19.5
	April	4,078.5		2,326.4		6,404.9		333.5	67.6	401.1	402.5	283.3					18.6
	May	4,072.6	4,064.3	2,321.4	2,321.7	6,394.0	6,386.4	331.6	63.7	395.3	392.2	272.4	32.2				17.9
	June	4,076.7		2,307.5		6,384.2		330.5	61.8	392.3	393.8	286.1					17.2
1978-79	July	4,059.3		2,316.8		6,376.1		325.4	52.6	378.0	393.4	290.7					18.3
	August	4,053.8	4,077.7	2,311.5	2,329.5	6,365.3	6,410.8	332.6	63.1	395.7	388.6	285.4	n.a.				18.1
	September	4,059.0		2,310.5		6,369.6		324.8	59.7	384.5	382.7	284.6					19.2
	October	4,062.7		2,311.5		6,374.1		305.9	61.6	367.5	380.2	279.9					20.7
	November	4,052.4	4,063.2	2,314.6	2,307.4	6,367.0	6,369.5	308.8	60.9	369.7	399.2	278.8	n.a.				19.3
	December	4,165.3		2,373.5		6,538.7		373.8	67.4	441.2	451.5	311.3					18.0
	January	4,119.3		2,266.8		6,386.1		391.1	55.0	446.2	493.5	341.9					24.9
	February	4,135.4	4,108.8	2,337.5	2,326.9	6,472.9	6,432.4	381.7	72.3	453.9	481.7	375.5	n.a.				24.9
	March	4,127.4		2,359.2		6,486.6		353.5	71.4	425.0	447.7	334.4					21.4
	April	4,124.6		2,348.5		6,473.1		346.4	70.4	416.8	437.0	332.6					18.2

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Seasonally adjusted estimates available only for February, May, August and November. (c) Suspension of seasonally adjusted figures in this series is explained in *The Labour Force, November 1977* (6203.0). (d) Registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service at Friday nearest the end of the month. (e) For reference dates see *The Labour Force* (6203.0). (f) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the last Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see *Job Vacancies, May 1978* (6231.0). As part of the measures necessary to bring the activities of the ABS within the resources available to it, the surveys of job vacancies have been terminated as from May 1978.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (a) ('000)

Month	Total civilian employees '000						Private/Government '000 persons				Principal industries '000 persons			
	Males		Females		Persons		Private		Government		Manufacturing		Wholesale and Retail Trade	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1977-78														
February	2,962.6	2,959.7	1,761.9	1,766.3	4,724.6	4,726.0	3,233.7	3,235.8	1,490.8	1,490.2	1,138.6	1,136.0	964.7	968.3
March	2,959.6	2,952.1	1,764.3	1,761.9	4,724.0	4,714.0	3,229.5	3,224.2	1,494.4	1,489.8	1,135.6	1,130.9	963.5	965.3
April	2,956.0	2,948.2	1,767.1	1,763.9	4,723.1	4,712.1	3,225.2	3,220.9	1,497.9	1,491.2	1,130.9	1,128.6	964.0	963.9
May	2,951.9	2,942.5	1,768.0	1,766.1	4,719.9	4,708.6	3,221.4	3,217.8	1,498.5	1,490.8	1,127.7	1,126.5	964.2	963.6
June (c)	2,943.8	2,937.3	1,769.6	1,769.4	4,713.4	4,706.7	3,214.9	3,215.6	1,498.5	1,491.1	1,123.6	1,124.2	964.3	964.5
1978-79														
July (c)	2,939.6	2,938.6	1,772.3	1,770.7	4,711.8	4,709.3	3,211.4	3,215.7	1,500.4	1,493.6	1,121.7	1,123.4	961.7	963.9
August	2,935.7	2,939.5	1,772.0	1,771.8	4,707.7	4,711.3	3,208.1	3,215.2	1,499.6	1,496.1	1,119.4	1,121.5	959.8	963.7
September (c)	2,934.9	2,942.4	1,774.5	1,772.8	4,709.4	4,715.1	3,210.9	3,216.2	1,498.5	1,498.9	1,120.2	1,121.5	961.9	964.8
October (c)	2,936.6	2,944.5	1,783.3	1,778.0	4,719.9	4,722.5	3,220.9	3,220.5	1,495.0	1,502.0	1,126.7	1,125.4	967.4	966.6
November (c)	2,946.9	2,950.2	1,795.7	1,785.4	4,742.7	4,735.6	3,242.0	3,240.5	1,500.7	1,505.1	1,131.9	1,129.0	975.8	968.7
December	2,950.4	2,954.7	1,792.0	1,794.9	4,742.4	4,749.6	3,247.6	3,240.2	1,494.8	1,509.3	1,127.3	1,130.9	984.3	973.5
January	2,947.1	2,955.6	1,774.5	1,797.3	4,721.6	4,752.9	3,226.4	3,244.7	1,492.9	1,508.2	1,125.5	1,131.3	970.3	975.0
February	2,959.3	2,956.4	1,793.8	1,798.4	4,753.1	4,754.8	3,248.4	3,250.6	1,504.7	1,504.2	1,136.8	1,134.2	972.9	976.4
March	2,967.6	2,960.1	1,805.2	1,802.8	4,772.7	4,762.9	3,263.0	3,257.7	1,509.8	1,505.2	1,143.0	1,137.9	975.7	977.5

(a) The estimates contained in this table are based on benchmarks established by analysing data from the 1971 population census and other relevant sources. Employees in agriculture and private domestic service, and defence forces are excluded. (b) Seasonally adjusted estimates in this statement have been revised. For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1979* (1308.0) to be released shortly. (c) Affected by industrial dispute.

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